



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The disease AIDS is now widely recognized to be the leading public health problem of our time; and

WHEREAS: It has been estimated that 270,000 people will have been diagnosed with AIDS nationwide--and 180,000 of those people will have died--by the end of 1991; and

WHEREAS: up to 1,800 of those AIDS cases will have been diagnosed here in Minnesota--and up to 1,200 AIDS deaths will occur in our state--before the end of 1990; and

WHEREAS: The unchecked spread of this disease could have a devastating impact on our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS: In the absence of an effective treatment or vaccine, information and education remain our most effective weapons in the battle against this disease--and our most effective means of controlling its spread; and

WHEREAS: Our state has already assumed a leadership role in making use of educational, informational and disease control strategies to help contain the spread of the AIDS virus; and

WHEREAS: Interested individuals, groups and government agencies will be mobilized during the month of October 1987--here in Minnesota and nationwide--to help focus public attention on the urgency of these efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October to be

AIDS PREVENTION MONTH

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED

in Minnesota.

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Joan Anderson Howe
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

Rudy Perpich
GOVERNOR

Joan Anderson Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE

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